

# Universal Accessibility

The Department of Natural Resources is committed to making outdoor recreation opportunities and the facilities to support these activities accessible for everyone. Each year, more campgrounds, trails and other facilities are upgraded to comply with *American with Disabilities Access Guidelines* and the *Recommendations for Accessibility Guidelines – Outdoor Developed Areas*.

Facilities that meet these guidelines with a red symbol in the grid, meaning these facilities have been designed to be usable by all visitors, including those with disabilities. Individual challenges and needs for accommodation vary widely by individual so individuals who require accommodations should contact the individual park to discuss their individual situation and unique challenges. Here are some general guidelines for individuals:

**Camping Options:** Access routes, connecting elements and all facilities at modern campgrounds and mini-cabins are surfaced with concrete or blacktop material. Semi-modern, rustic, equestrian, group and organization campgrounds and rustic cabins have access routes surfaced in firm gravel, limestone or slag.

**Picnic Area or Shelter:** Designated parking, hard-surface route, extended-top picnic table, accessible grill, water fountains and bathroom facilities are in compliance with ADAAG.

**Playground:** Hard-surface route to safety surface material with multi-level, connected structure with transfer steps or a ramp.

**Boating Access Site/Launch:** Designated parking, hard-surface route with wide piers and bathroom facilities in compliance with ADAAG.

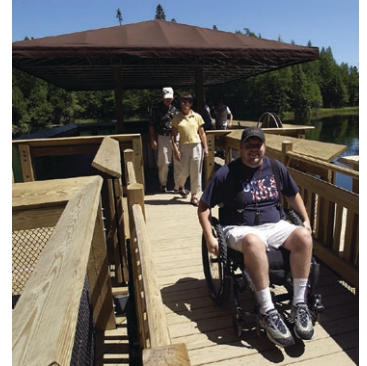
**Visitor Center:** Programs conducted within facilities that meet ADAAG design standards. Accommodations for hearing and visual impairments provided.

**Swimming:** Designated parking, bathroom facilities and drinking fountains. A hard-surface route reaches to the high water level or a ramp leads into the water.

**Hunting:** A designated hunting site or structure that provides an access route between the site and designated parking area. Access routes can consist of boardwalks, firm gravel, limestone, slag, soil or grass surfaces. Shooting ranges at Bald Mountain, Island Lake and Pontiac Lake offer designated parking, hard-surface route to range, stations and targets. Features also include removable bench seating and accessible drinking fountains and restrooms.

**Fishing:** Designated parking, hard surface route and accessible restrooms. Piers and shore locations have lower railings in compliance with ADAAG standards.

**Hiking:** Designated parking with hard-surface trail surfaces with slopes in compliance with ADAAG requirements. All trailhead facilities including restrooms and drinking fountains meet ADAAG requirements.



## Information Directory

For information about this guide, contact the DNR Parks and Recreation Division at 517-373-9900. The DNR Operations Service Centers listed below are open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. TTY: 711 (Michigan Relay Center)

### Baraga

427 US-41 North  
Baraga, MI 49908  
(906)353-6651

### Cadillac

8015 Mackinaw Trail  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
(231) 775-9727

### Marquette

1990 US-41 South  
Marquette, MI 49855  
(906) 228-6561

### Bay City

503 N. Euclid Ave., Suite 1  
Bay City, MI 48706  
(989) 684-9141

### Newberry

5100 M-123  
Newberry, MI 49868  
(906) 293-5131

### Plainwell

621 N. 10th Street  
Plainwell, MI 49080  
(269) 685-6851

### Gaylord

1732 W. M-32  
Gaylord, MI 49735  
(989) 732-3541

### Livonia

38980 Seven Mile Road  
Livonia, MI 48152  
(734) 953-0241  
(check Web site for  
current contact information)

### Roscommon

I-75 & M-18 South  
8717 N. Roscommon Rd.  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
(989) 275-5151

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# Campfire Hints

Always follow safe campfire practices to prevent them from starting a wildfire. Remember, you can be held responsible for the cost of putting the fire out if it escapes and for any property damage.

## Preparing the Site

Select a spot with easy access to water, and sheltered from prevailing winds. The fire should be built on mineral soil or if available in a designated fire ring. Your fire should be at least 10 feet away from any logs, stumps trees or forest debris that might catch fire and 30 feet away from any structure. The space above the fire should be free from any overhanging branches. Start by scraping away a 3 foot space for your campfire right down to mineral soil. Then remove all pine needles, dead grass, leaves twigs and combustible material in a 10 foot circle.



## How to Manage Your Fire

A person who starts a fire outdoors must take all necessary steps to tend the fire, keep it under control, and extinguish the fire before leaving. need not exceed 3 feet in height and 3 feet in diameter. Remember a smaller fire will keep your pots from blackening and let you get close enough to cook. The forest is no place for a bonfire, and a small fire is easier to control and to put out. Don't start a fire outdoors unless conditions will allow the fire to burn safely from start to finish. Be aware if strong winds are blowing. Never leave your fire, and always leave an adult in charge. Have the right equipment handy to control the fire. A pail of water and a shovel are ideal.



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## How to Put Your Fire Out

Begin by thoroughly drowning your fire with water as soon as possible after use. If you circled your campfire with rocks, make sure they are not hiding any hot coals. Move them to make sure. Stir the ashes to uncover warm spots. This will cool the fire faster and allow the water to soak in

better. Drown it again! Make doubly sure the fire is dead out before you leave the site or retire for the evening.

## Other Considerations

Exotic insects are a major threat to Michigan's Forests and moving firewood speeds their advance. Do not transfer firewood from home or other locations, use local sources.

# Camping Hints

## PREPARE

- Know about the area and how to get there.
- Check the weather forecast for the area.
- Pack enough clothing, food, matches and equipment to keep you through an emergency.
- Notify someone of where you're going, and when you will return, in case you need to be found.

## PREVENT

- Keep campfires small, within the fire ring, and attended at all times. Make sure ashes are cold or damp when you leave a fire.
- Secure food to keep animals from getting into it. Be a good camping neighbor and control your noise/pet.

## PROTECT

- Keep the trees and shrubs around your campsite alive and growing.
- Protect drinking water by only filling your water containers at the well, pump or faucet.
- Keep food, toothpaste, soap and all cleaning activities 100 feet away from wells, pumps, faucets, streams and lakes.
- Help keep your parks clean by carrying out any trash or litter you carry in.

## Join the DNR Team

If you are interested in: • Working out-of-doors • Becoming part of a team • Learning job skills • Conserving Michigan's natural resources • Serving your community as an AmeriCorps member

Contact the DNR at 517-373-9900 to apply for a position with the Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps.

As a State Worker 4 you can: • Work full or part time • Start at over \$7 an hour • Gain career experience • Develop teamwork skills • Have a flexible schedule

Contact any state park, forest or recreation area listed in this guide for more information.

Volunteers can sign up to: • Become a campground host • Adopt-a-Park • Assist with ecological restoration • Help protect the endangered Piping Plover

For more information about the Adopt-a-Park Program or park campground host positions call 517-373-8232.

Call 989-275-5151 ext. 2049 for information on forest campground host positions.

For information about piping plover protection or native grass seed collection call 517-241-4789.

Check out the DNR Web site for more information at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).